

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-22 remain in the application. Claims 14-21 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 11 and 22 are currently amended.

The Examiner has requested restriction of the application to a single invention on the basis that the application is directed to two distinct inventions, namely:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 22, drawn to a system for stimulating the body.
- II. Claims 14-21, drawn to a method for applying stimulation.

In reply to the restriction requirement, Applicant restricts the application to Invention I: Claims 1-13 and 22, and withdraws claims 14-21 from consideration. Applicant retains the right to present claims 14-21 in a divisional application.

The Examiner has also indicated that, in addition to the restriction requirement, a species must be chosen as the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Embodiments 1 and 2, represented by the stimulation of the anal area and stimulation of the spinal cord, respectively. It is submitted that the need for an election requirement has been obviated in view of the restriction made herein; however, in the event that the Examiner is still of the opinion that an election must be made, Applicant elects the species of Embodiment 2 and submits that claims 1-13 and 22 read on such species and that claims 1-13 are generic.

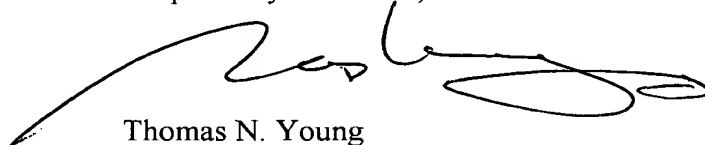
Clarifying amendments have been made to claims 1, 11 and 22. It is submitted that no new subject matter has been added by such amendments.

Applicant respectfully requests that the application be considered and allowed. If the Examiner feels that further prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below. Applicant wishes to remind the Examiner that an associate power of attorney has been granted to the

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undersigned attorney and respectfully requests that future correspondence be addressed to him.

Respectfully submitted,

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